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SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT PRESS BRIEFING - AUGUST 10

FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE, FOLLOWING ARE EXCERPTS
FROM DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN'S PRESS BRIEFING FOR AUGUST 10,
1977. FYI ONLY OFFICER TODAY WAS JOHN TRATTNER.

Q. WHAT CAN YOU TELL US ABOUT THE IRANIAN-U.S. ENERGY
TALKS?

A. I CHECKED INTO THAT AND THOSE TALKS CONTINUE. THERE
IS NO TERMINAL TIME OR DATE I CAN GIVE YOU YET. I AM JUST
ABOUT AS IGNORANT ABOUT THAT AS I WAS YESTERDAY. THEY ARE
CONTINUING. WHETHER THERE WILL BE ANY KIND OF A FORMAL
STATEMENT OR COMMUNIQUE AFTERWARDS, I DON'T KNOW.
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Q. THEY ARE DUE TO END TODAY.

A. WELL, ORIGINALLY I HAD BEEN UNDER THE IMPRESSION
THEY WERE GOING TO END YESTERDAY, BUT THEY ARE CONTINUING
TODAY, AT LEAST.

Q. ON ETHIOPIA THERE WAS A REPORT ABOUT ISRAELI PLANES.
DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING ON ISRAELI PLANES THAT ARE BEING

USED IN SOMALIA, ETHIOPIA?

A. I HAVE NOT SEEN THAT REPORT AND DON'T HAVE ANYTHING
ON IT.

Q. ARE YOU IN A POSITION TO TAKE ANY QUESTIONS ON MIDDLE
EAST POLICY, OR WILL YOU DEFER? IS IT A WASTE OF TIME?

A. I WOULD REFER THEM ALL OUT THERE. YOU CAN ASK
YOUR QUESTION. ASK YOUR QUESTION AND WE WILL SEE.

Q. WELL, THERE WAS SOME CONFUSION THAT AROSE, AT LEAST

IN MY MIND, AS TO WHETHER THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT WILL OR WILL NOT ENCOURAGE AN ATTEMPT TO AMEND SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 242. THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES SAID TWO DAYS AGO THAT IT WOULD SUIT US OKAY IF 242 WERE AMENDED. AND THE SECRETARY OF STATE SAID TODAY AT A NEWS CONFERENCE THE UNITED STATES WILL DISCOURAGE ANY ATTEMPT TO AMEND IT.

HAS THERE BEEN A CHANGE IN AMERICAN POLICY IN THE LAST TWO DAYS? WHICH IS POLICY? THAT WE WILL OR WON'T DISCOURAGE IT.

A. I WOULD REFER THAT TO THE PARTY, BUT I THINK I WILL STAY WITH WHAT THE SECRETARY SAID MOST RECENTLY TODAY
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ABOUT IT.

Q. THAT WE ARE STICKING--AMERICAN POLICY IS NOW WHAT THE SECRETARY SAID TODAY?

A. I AM REFERRING YOU TO WHAT THE SECRETARY SAID. I AM NOT ADDRESSING THE QUESTION FROM HERE. IN OTHER WORDS, YES, I WOULD REFER THAT QUESTION TO THEM OUT THERE.

Q. THE JERUSALEM POST HAS PUBLISHED A CARTOON SUGGESTING THAT THE UNITED STATES COULD CONSIDER WITHDRAWING FROM ITS OCCUPIED TERRITORIES SUCH AS TEXAS AND CALIFORNIA, AND I WAS WONDERING, HAS THE STATE DEPARTMENT DETECTED ANY MEXICAN OR LATIN AMERICAN SENTIMENT TO THIS EFFECT ALONG WITH DEMANDS CONCERNING PANAMA CANAL, PUERTO RICO AND GUANTANAMO?

A. NOT THAT I AM AWARE OF. CHRISTOPHER

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